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U. S., Iceland Historical Ties

New 4c Airmail Has Flying Eagle

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the description of the 4c Air Mail Postage Stamp, which will be first placed on sale on September 3, at Philadelphia, Pa. on the occasion of the annual convention and exhibition of the American Air Mail Society.



Mr. Summerfield said that this new airmail is being issued primarily for the convenience of patrons desiring to send souvenir post cards by air to their families and friends. Although it is intended for use on post cards, it will be valid for use in combination with other stamps on any mail intended for transmission by air.

Dimensions will be 0.75 by 0.87 inches, arranged vertically, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 100. The color will be blue.

The central subject is the artist's conception of an American Eagle in flight, forming a silhouette against white billowing clouds and the shaded area of sky, which forms the outline. Across the top is the wording "Air Mail 4c" in dark face Gothic. In the same style across the bottom appears "U. S. Postage."

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations may send a reasonable number of addressed post cards to the Postmaster at Philadelphia, Pa. with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

Sandusky Club Sponsors Hobby Show

The Sandusky Stamp Club will sponsor a hobby show to be held October 22, 23 and 24 at the Junior High School, Sandusky, Ohio. It is to be held in connection with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the local club.

As there will be a limited number of dealer tables it is urged that reservations be made early. Those interested should contact Dr. Ross Knoble, c/o Knoble Stamp Supply, Washington Bldg., Sandusky, Ohio.

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NOW A HISTORICAL PIECE is the plate used for the engraved Arcraft first day covers the Washington Press printed for the George Eastman commemorative. First and fourth from the left are Samuel and Leo August of the Washington Press and between them is Albert J. Robertson, Asst. PMG and O. N. Solbert of George Eastman House. Reading from the right are Elmer Zinsmeister, SPA Journal editor; Henry Berman; John Zaksy and Fred Sterb.

India Plans Four Postage Stamp Centenary Series; New Definitives In January

Scenes of the postal service of India will appear in the designs of the four stamps that nation will issue October 1 commemorating the centenary of its first postage stamps. This and other news concerning the planned large-scale philatelic celebration has been sent by Asiatic Hobbyists, Asiatic Chambers, Ghatkopar, India.

A reddish purple 1 anna depicts three methods of mail transportation—runner, camel and bullock cart. Four methods of transporting bagged mail are to be shown on the 4a light brown—bicycle, railway, steamer and aeroplane.

The remaining two will have a common design. These are a 2a carmine and a 14a dark blue. Shown will be a pigeon carrying an envelope on the left and an aeroplane on the right with a diagonal line between the two.

Photogravure is the printing medium—format horizontal. Paper will have the five-pointed star watermark.

There will also be postal stationery to note the centenary. One item is a commercial size envelope with an imprinted 2a stamp; another is a 1½a inland letter card; and 2a and 14a airmail envelopes. With the exception of the letter card, these items will be inscribed, "Bharatiya Dak Ticket Shatabdi".

Nine pieces postcards are to be released at this time. Inscriptions will read "Bharat Dak Shatabdi" (in Hindi) 1854 - 1954". Size will be the same as the current issue but printed in a pink color.

India's stamps issued prior to August 15, 1947 are to be demonetized. This move will climax thinking along such lines considered by the Postal Administration for some time.

To replace the current Archeological definitives, a "Five Year Plan" series is to be issued January 26, 1955 on Republic Day. The

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The principal theme of the Five Year Plan series will be based on various public works undertaken by the Union and the State Governments under such a plan, with agriculture receiving prominence. The airmails will be somewhat larger in size than the regulars and will have pictorial designs.

In the line of publications relating to the centenary, the Postal Administration has announced the production of a facsimile of India Postage Stamps issued during the last 100 years in original colors and in album form. Printing is limited to 10,000 copies these to be restricted to those who register their requests prior to September 1.

A complete history of the Indian Post Office from the early days to October 1, 1954 will be issued. Edited by Mulkraj Anand, the book will have a short history of Indian stamps and includes several illustrations in color.

A special post office is expected to be opened at the exhibition with a distinctive cancellation. Rumor has it that the Post Office Department will prepare a cacheted first day envelope for the use of collectors.

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Pre-Columbian Visits Made By Icelanders In 1000 AD; Short Settlement Completed

Don Marino

There is a very interesting link between the History of Iceland and America, and as I have not seen much written about it, I hope that collectors who have the desire to know what is behind stamps issued, and which they possess, will appreciate such knowledge.

In 1938 there was issued in Iceland a souvenir sheet with three stamps. A 30 aur red and a 40 aur green showing a statue of a Viking, but in between them there is a 60 aur violet stamp with a picture of the North Atlantic Ocean and the countries around this old and cruel sea.

The stamp in the middle has this inscription: "Island (Iceland), Vinland, New York," but the sheet itself has the name Leif Ericsson printed above. It was still available in the post office in Reykjavik in 1948, and I bought a few then; they cost about 20c in U.S. funds each.

This statue is American, and is located on a hill near the center of Reykjavik. To give readers a clearer idea about it, why it is there, a little must be told about Iceland and the character of the inhabitants.

Iceland has been called the first American Republic, and there are several reasons to agree with that. Geographically it is much closer to the Western Hemisphere (Greenland), than to Europe. The settlers were Norsemen and Westmen as they were then called, and the settlement began in the ninth century.

The Norsemen were Scandinavians, mainly from Norway, but the Westmen were people from the British Isles and Ireland, who were mostly taken there against their will, by the Norse Vikings. In his book, "The Character of Races," the distinguished professor of Geography at Yale, Dr. E. Huntington, writes about the settlers of Iceland thus:

"The original Icelanders were a highly selected group of people. In the first place, the Norse as a whole appear to be one of the world's competent races. Second, the Jarls were Jarls because their ancestors had shown

unusual ability to fight, to organize, and to hold their conquests, and they themselves maintained their position largely by virtue of an inheritance of ability. Third, from among this most gifted group an uncommonly able race there was selected first those who loved freedom more than the favor of kings, and second those who were inclined to try their chances in a new and difficult land rather than gain living by fighting and plundering.

"Thus it was the best of the best who founded Iceland, and they created what Bryce calls an almost unique community whose culture and creative power flourished independently of any favoring material conditions and indeed under conditions in the highest degree unfavorable."

The main reason for their settlement in Iceland was the tyrant in Norway, King Harald Fairhair, who had gradually been defeating them, with his superior manpower. Rather than accept his lordship the various chiefs, the Jarls, left their own old country. In those days the ships of the Vikings were common. They were small boats however, in the average about 50 feet long and 10-15 feet wide, open, with one very primitive sail.

On this tiny craft, without compass or charts or other now long known means of navigation, they sailed off, and crossed the Atlantic between Norway and (Continued on page 8)



The left stamp in the sheet gives a full view of the monument presented to Iceland by the United States, the right the statue part of the monument. It is supposed to be a sculptured likeness of Leif Ericsson. In the center stamp design is a map showing Iceland's position between North America and Europe.

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Letters to Canada can be forwarded through the agents of the United States at Kingston, Upper Canada, Montreal, Lower Canada, and at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, whether the postage be paid or unpaid.

**United States
Postal Rates In 1825**

George W. Linn

Students of Postal History as well as those interested in early United States covers, more especially the stampless covers will find the printed above, of special interest. This is a full page copied from a booklet titled, "A Table of The Post Offices in the United States". The publication date is April 1, 1831. The book was printed by Duff Green at Washington, D. C. Thus we must presume that at this time there was no Government Printing Office or if so it was not of sufficient size and well enough equipped to handle a work of this magnitude, for the booklet is of 360 pages, 4 x 6½ inches in size. The composition of the pages is almost wholly tabular work and it is amazing to a printer as I have been, that any book of this magnitude could have been produced in this country as early as 1830. The book was naturally from hand set type and certainly must have been a tremendous job for the printer. The table is copied word for word as given on a full page in the booklet. This could have been produced by photographic means and printed from a cut showing the actual type face on the page, but such reproduction is not always satisfactory, often being somewhat illegible, so I have thought best to copy it and print in type as above.

The main object is to show the postal rates as in effect at this period as it will help collectors to understand the markings on old stampless covers.

While the table for rates on letters shows fees of 6c, 10c, 12½c, 18½c and 25c, you will note the paragraph immediately below this table gives a formula for charging letters weighing one ounce or more. If you will figure it out you will find the rates and the reasons for many different rates shown on early covers. For example if the six cent rate is quadrupled for a one ounce letter we get 24c, for the 10c rate, 40c, for the 12½c rate 50c, for the 18½c rate 75c and for the 25c rate \$1.00.

Back in those days it is clear that Newspapers had a preferential rate, the reason doubtless being as it always has been, that the Government believed it desirable to make the costs low enough that they might be more accessible to a greater number of people.

Magazines and Pamphlets however did not fare so well as is shown by the fees set up for such printed matter and here again if you will figure a bit you can come up with numerous different charges that could be made.

The last paragraph on the page above is of interest in that it states that letters to Canada are to be handled and forwarded whether the postage has been paid or unpaid.

We learn also from this book that the Postmaster General in this period was W. T. Barry.

Much other information of interest is found, and in a future issue of this paper we will give more.

Wittredge New Prexy Of Connecticut Club

The Nutmeg Stamp Club of Stratford, and Milford, Conn. was recently host to the annual meeting of the Connecticut Philatelic Society at which time Arthur B. Wittredge of Ansonia was elected to the presidency.

Serving with him are vice president Gus Wittenberg; treasurer Dr. Robert L. Wood; corresponding secretary Charles Bretagne, P. O. Box 67, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and recording secretary Francis A. Lajoie (West Hartford); membership secretary Oran B. Maxim (Waterbury); treasurer Abbott of Vernon, N. J.

Editor of the club's official publication is Stephan G. Rich of Vernon, N. J.

France-Colonies Group Elects New Officers

In their recent annual meeting for the election of new officers, members of The France and Colonies Group chose Paul Baudry as their president.

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It is regretted that no preliminary notice was sent to the philatelic press but the Slogan Hubs were received from the Post Office Department with instructions to put them in use immediately and to be used for the remainder of the year. The members of the Norfolk Philatelic Society, A.P.S. Chapter No. 234 realizing that some collectors of such slogans would like a first day copy of its use had 200 covers cancelled for the first day, June 14. These are available at 10c in mint commemorative U. S. stamps and a self addressed return envelope, large enough to hold the cover which is 6 1/2" x 3 1/2", to Mace Philatelic Committee, 906 Bank of Commerce Bldg., Norfolk 10, Va.

A nice brochure describing the Mace, can be gotten by writing to the National Bank of Commerce, P. O. Box 600, Norfolk 1, Va. It will be sent without charge.

**Australians Have
Color Confusion**

There is a good possibility that the color of either the 1/2d Kangaroo or the 6 1/2d Queen Elizabeth regulars of Australia is going to undergo a change. Many postal patrons don't look at the denomination or design of a stamp when they are about to use it, depending on the color alone to tell them if the stamp they have fits the rate.

Since both the above-mentioned stickers are in a red orange it can easily be seen how the color-conscious postal patrons might overpay or underpay a piece of mail. The designs, of course, are entirely different, the low value picturing the Kangaroo, and the high, the Queen.

Maj. R. C. Dettman, 72 Marlow St., Wembley, Western Australia believes the 6 1/2d is the one which will be changed. If so, he points out, this denomination in a red orange will have had a very short life and might therefore become a fairly scarce item.

UNITED STATES COMMEMORATIVES



HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
Box 21 Planetarium Sta.,
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CANADA. There are many reasons why Canada is one of the most popular of the countries of the British Empire. It has never issued the same stamp with different perforations or shades. Canada has never issued unnecessary stamps for the purpose of sale to collectors, and with one exception has never issued a stamp with a face value over \$1.00.

The stamps are finely printed and they all look good. Canada caters to collectors and maintains an efficient agency for selling stamps. It supplies collectors with selected copies and sends stamps to the United States without charge for postage and registration. The Canadian dollar being at a premium, it costs the U. S. collector, the amount of this premium over face, plus fee for money order etc.

From a financial point, the stamps of Canada increase in value. They are a good investment and easily sold if necessary. Some of the countries of the British Empire would eventually profit by emulating this example. This refers to countries like Falkland Dependencies which recently issued a new unnecessary set to the Pound.

PAPUA. The airmail set, C10-15 is quite scarce, especially the 1/6, No. 15. This stamp is priced by Scott at \$5.00 mint and \$6.00 used, and by Gibbons at 20/- mint and 25/- used.

The latest Sanabria catalogue prices this stamp at \$6.00 mint or used. "Fyndem" in Stamp Collecting (London) gives it used as the week's "Good Fynd." However the postmark must be right.

UNION SOUTH AFRICA. The 1913 Pound stamp, No. 16 or 16A, is evidently underpriced by Scott as compared with Gibbons. Furthermore, the market price is gradually going higher with demand exceeding the available supply. Higher prices can be expected.

CANADA. The 1927 Confederation set 141-145 exists imperforate. At a recent auction sale in London, imperforate blocks of four sold for 27

Pounds (\$75.60). At the same sale the 1928-29 set 147-159 in imperforate pairs sold for 25 Pounds (\$78.40).

NORTHERN RHODESIA. At the same sale a mint set of Northern Rhodesia 1-17 sold for 7 Pounds (\$19.60).

GREAT BRITAIN. The "Used Abroad" stamps of Great Britain are in demand by specialists and some of them are quite elusive. At a recent auction sale in London

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Cousins Of Stamps

I can not think of a better title for this editorial than the above. My first recollection of this name for what I want to talk about goes back many years, in fact back to the days when Percy McGraw McMann a Philadelphia stamp collector first used it in my presence.

Percy was making a collection of all items which had a close relation to stamps. Those he was after were not stamps but were closely associated with them and as time has proven, some of them have been accepted as such.

He had things as stamps of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company which are now listed under Peru and other similar issues. Also many labels that were an aftermath of our own Private Proprietary issues of the Civil War period. These were very like the original stamps of that period. Many makers of patent medicines had used a stamp for so many years that when the tax was cut off, they had labels prepared which looked like the originals but were altered a bit in wording so that they no longer purported to be stamps.

We must remember that in these earlier days such things as handsome advertising labels were not yet in general use so that when something resembling a stamp appeared it was often collected, that is if it matched in with some great event. Among the earlier things of this nature was a sepiia and a pale green oblong stamp about the size of our current commemoratives which honored Admiral George Dewey, of the Battle of Manila fame.

One item we remember quite well was the Bicycle Mail Route stamps that were used between Fresno and San Francisco. For many years these were not recognized, but they are now in Scott as Numbers 12L1 and 12L2. Issued in 1894, they are now considered as pretty nice property. Another of four years latter was the McGreely Express Stamp used in Alaska to prepay letters and packages sent by Motor Boat between Dyea and Skagway, Alaska. Issued in 1898, it went beginning for recognition for many years but now is numbered among the Locals as 155L1 and is priced at \$2.00.

We wonder if some day the Triangular Locals from Walter Brink of Wisconsin, also Pat Herst of Shrub Oak, N. Y. and a new one from F. P. Schmitt, Centerport, N. Y. will be recognized. Since all these are used and issued under and according to U. S. Postal laws it is impossible to see how they can fail of being listed.

As we come along to later years we find various labels for the great Expositions that were held in these United States. I have seen many such but have few of any of them. For the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo, beautiful two color labels with exposition views were issued and they look quite like stamps. The St. Louis Worlds Fair, I have a single red stamp for this.

Among other things that would fit into a collection of Cousins of Stamps would be the various labels used by Business Colleges to place on mock letters used in their commercial courses, also the mock stamps issued and used by the Moving Picture industry when occasion required a picture of a letter with a stamp on it. These things are all of interest to any real philatelist.

Janet Van Den Berg of Worthington, Ohio who writes a column for our paper at frequent intervals has taken up dealing in such material and she has gathered a stock from all over the world.

During the last world war several such sets of stamps made their appearance. The set by Germany which was said to be ready for use when the Germans invaded India. The Polish set issued from Italy and many others.

Sales of this material must have been successful and we have no complaining about any offerings of such items so long as they are offered for what they are and it is plainly stated that they are not stamps. Older collectors understand what they are buying and need have no complaint if the material becomes worthless. Chances are however that in later years the material will have a saleable value of as much as they may have paid for it.

Now we have another flood of this material, doubtless brought about by the great interest and demand for certain Topical Stamps. This new fad has brought many new and legitimate issues from standard countries, but those stamps all have a recognized face value and sets frequently run into several dollars, thus not so quickly saleable. To offset this high price and to supply something that will sell quickly at a good profit we have seen such items as the Indonesian labels of great beauty. The latest however, is a set of 16 stamps credited to "Republic Maluku Selantan". These all have fishes on them. Some of the ugliest critters you ever saw. If we caught one of them down here in Lake Harris we would probably throw our pole overboard and jump in the lake and run for the shore. This seems very appropriate as it gives the set the "fishy" smell it so well deserves. From the same source is another set of six with butterflies. At the same time there are two sets credited to Croatia and the offers state that these are from the Croatian Government in Exile. The Croatian republic became a part of Jugoslavia in 1945 and it is in our opinion that it is quite unlikely that it will ever become independent. Thus the excuse for the stamps seems questionable. It is noted however that the producers of these stamps issued two sets. One for regular postage which pictures flowers, the other for airmail, which pictures birds. Quite appropriate for an airmail stamp and by the way, the first airmail that Croatia ever had.

The above described sets are all triangles. I fell for them because of my Triangle collection. Besides these there are a set of 18 Republic Malukas Selatan with all the wild animals of the area in many colors. Truly handsome set. None of these things are legitimate but they will sell because of their similarity to stamps and their pretty colors and most of all their topical subjects.

A wholesaler who offers them frankly states they are unlisted pictorial sets. He does not call them stamps. We have no complaint against the sale of such items if they are offered as pictorial labels and not as stamps. The great harm comes when a child is sold some of this trash with the belief that he is buying a set of real stamps.

When he awakens to the fact that he "has been took" the reaction is not for the best interests of our hobby.

We should hope that the ASDA would issue some public statement for publication by all the stamp journals to call and classify this material for just what it is, but such a thing is hardly to be hoped for.

However the whole current mess as described above can be bought, if the dealer who offers it is not too greedy, for less than a couple dollars, so if you like pretty pictures that look like stamps you can not get stuck too badly, unless you do like some of the suckers did at the Sebring, Florida Jamboree held in June, where the Fish set described above sold at Auction for \$2.50 when it bore a reserve price of only 75c and should not be priced by any dealer at over 50c, based on wholesale cost.

Cousins of Stamps are fun if you are looking for something exciting, and who knows, some day they may turn out to be the real thing.



"Whatever you do, don't aim for the breast pocket, Henri. I have a valuable stamp in there."

All-Up Flight Special Markings

July 10 was a rather busy day for those interested in the aero-philately of Spain and Colonies. It was the inaugural date for the flying of all mail between Madrid and Barcelona, and the first day of the 1.50 Peseta aerogramme for mail to Spanish Guinea.

Mail posted to 10:30 p. m. in either the Madrid or Barcelona main post offices will be flown to the other city and delivered on the next morning's 9 a.m. mail round. Two special postmarks were used for registered mail only, according to Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain.

Arranged in a circle was the wording "Primer Correo Aereo Sin Sobretas Madrid", inside of which in a circular formation is "Barcelona, 10 JUL 54" and in the center a plane flying to the left and the word Barcelona. The direction of the plane and the name of the cities is reversed for the Barcelona-Madrid Route.

Special hexagonal arrival postmarks were applied to the back of registered covers. They give the basic data plus the arrival date in each city which ends the flight.

The aerogramme is Type B with single grayish overlay.

Other aerogrammes used in Spain are a 4Pts. for general use throughout the world, and a 60c for domestic use and between the mother country and its colonies and protectorates.

Mr. Lenze is of the opinion that the 60c will soon be replaced since it has been current since 1950. He expects them to be of the single overlay Type B of the above-mentioned new 1.50Pts.

France Memorializes Military Academy

A famous castle, the Chateau de Villandry, and two military motifs are new products of the French stamp printing presses. The Chateau item had a release on July 19 and has a face value of 18fr.



Due on August 2, according to Gimbels Stamp Department of New York City, is a 15fr honoring the 150th anniversary of the French Military Academy of St. Cyr. This institution is equivalent to West Point of the United States.

On August 16 is to come a 12fr commemorating the establishment of the Legion of Honor, high military decoration. The design shows a soldier being decorated at the Camp of Boulogne.

Cerebral Palsy Victims Need Stamps

In the work with victims of cerebral palsy in his home town of Cleveland, Joseph H. Fierman has become acquainted with youngsters and adults who collect stamps but because of little or no funds must depend on outside help for the pursuit of the hobby.

The cerebral palsy foundation does not have funds which can be allotted to helping the stamp collectors. Mr. Fierman, therefore, is asking for assistance from devotees of the hobby.

While not a collector himself, he is well enough acquainted with stamp collecting to render intelligent service. Cash donations are not wanted and cannot be accepted. Stamps, covers, accessories and albums are needed. These can be sent to him care of the A & J Printing Co., 2042 E. Fourth St., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

"Inventor" Lightning Conductor Honored

Czechoslovakia has proclaimed, through a set of two commemoratives in honor of Prokop Divis, that it was the place where the first lightning conductor was invented. Divis is credited with the origination — he and a picture of the device are shown in the design which is common to both.



A cachet on an official first day cover prepared by the postal administration pictures the invention. The special first day cancellation carries Divis's name and a streak of lightning, plus the date of June 15, 1954.

The stamps are a 30h black and 75h brown violet.

On June 15, 1754, Divis constructed the first lightning conductor in the world at Primatec, a little village in south Moravia. He even had a name for it, the Meteorological Machine.

Cyril Bouda was responsible for the stamp designs; Bohdan Roule did the engraving.

Norwegian Centenary Exhibition In 1955

On January 1, 1855 Norway issued its first postage stamp. In order to commemorate this event an International Stamp Exhibition will be held in Oslo from June 4 to 12, 1955.

The exhibition is arranged by the Association of Norwegian Philatelic Societies in cooperation with the Oslo Filatelistklubb and the Norwegian Post Office.

It will be known as "NORWEX — OSLO 1955", and will provide place for 800 to 1000 frames each containing 12 pages of ordinary size.

On September 1 the Executive Committee will publish the first issue of the exhibition magazine, in which will be found all information about the organization.

Casual Discovery Of Polish Variety

Sidney Brown Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y. is one of those lucky stamp collectors who made the kind of find collectors like to think about. While in a hobby store in Trenton, N.J. some weeks ago with the buying of stamps for his collection in mind, he saw a Polish item which just didn't seem to look right.

It wasn't, either. Examination indicated that it had at least two impressions. The Scott Catalog lists it as No. J44, type D8, as 8 markas indigo.

Mr. Brown submitted the item to the Philatelic Foundation Expert Committee which declared it genuine. It has also been shown to Scott Publications for possible listing in the firm's catalog.

1964 STAMP PROGRAM

Aug. 26 — George Washington 1c regular, Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 3 — Airmail 4c, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept. 15 — Thomas Jefferson 2c regular, San Francisco, Calif.

Nov. 19 — Abraham Lincoln 4c regular, New York, N.Y.

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1029 — Columbia University 3c, New York, N.Y. January 4.

1038 — Liberty 8c, Washington, D.C. April 9.

1060 — Nebraska 3c, Nebraska City, Nebr., May 7.

1061 — Kansas 3c, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., May 31.

No. 7 — Liberty 3c, Albany, N.Y.

JUNE 24 — Liberty 3c booklet, Washington, D.C., June 30.

No. 7 — Liberty 3c coil, vertical, Washington, D.C.

1062 — Eastman 3c, Rochester, N.Y. July 12.

1063 — Lewis & Clark 3c, Sioux City, Iowa, July 28.

UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 26 — UN Day, 3c, 8c, United Nations, N.Y.

Dec. 10 — Human Rights Day, 3c, 8c, United Nations, N.Y.

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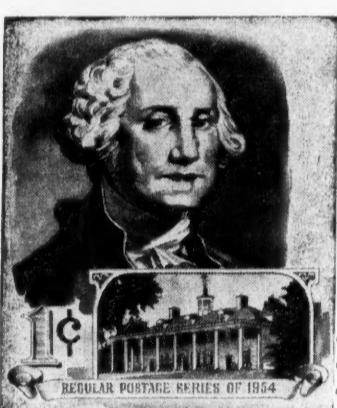
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FAY EMERSON OF THE TV AND MOVIES brought Jacques Minkus to her TV program recently for an interview — "Fay and Skitch" over WNBT. Mr. Minkus as head man of Gimbel's Stamp Departments in various cities, and publisher of the American Stamp Catalog, had many philatelic stories to relate.

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Another famous product of Vermont is maple syrup. Lumber, woolen fabrics, organs, scales, paper and window screens also claim Vermont as their home.

The climate is dry and healthful, with long winters and delightful summers, and Vermont is rapidly becoming one of the country's popular winter resorts as well as a summer tourist haven.

Institutions of higher learning abound, as the University of Vermont and the State Agricultural School.

Champlain is thought to have been the first white man to explore the region, about 1609. The French made a temporary settlement at Fort St. Anne in 1666. Massachusetts established Fort Dummer in Vermont in 1724, but gave up all claims to the region in 1781, followed by New Hampshire and New York.

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Stamps Bought, Sold By The Ton

Revealed by the Bournemouth, England Daily Echo in a news story July 14 is the interesting background of one of the giants of the stamp trade in the first half of the present century. He is the late John A. Wallace whose burial took place July 13 in Bournemouth.

Mr. Wallace was a man who bought and sold stamps in tons and millions in a career which took him to all parts of the world. It started in the late 1800's when Mr. Wallace, then a boy of 18, went with his mining engineer uncle to Australia to prospect for gold.

His uncle returned to England and left young Wallace in the Australian wilds. He gave him money for his passage home—about £40—and told him he could either stay or return.

Soon after the boat had left, young Wallace was offered a fine collection of stamps. He cabled his uncle for the money to buy them, adding on a few pounds for his own profit. His uncle paid up and the stamps were sent on to the boat's next port of call.

Wallace made about £150 on the deal. That money, and the £40 his uncle had given him, set him up in business in Melbourne as the first stamp dealer in Australia.

He stayed there three years, then returned to England to establish

the business of Wallace Bros., which was to become known throughout the world.

About 1905 he started buying stamps by the million. Soon his deals were so big that he had to open special warehouses.

One of those early lots arrived at his shop in 50 horse-drawn moving vans. There were 500 million stamps in the consignment. They had come from a weekly newspaper competition in which prizes were given to the people collecting most stamps.

Mr. Wallace employed about 30 girls to sort them. "I remember going to the warehouse as a boy and seeing those girls hard at work," said his son, W. Wallace. "The stamps they threw away would be worth a fortune today."

Mr. Wallace became known as the king of the stamp wholesalers. He exported stamps to all parts of the world, but France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Italy and America were his principal customers.

Mr. Wallace did not bother a great deal about rare stamps. He sold his lots to collectors by the pound and ton. If they found in them a stamp worth a lot of money that was their good fortune.

Some of his stamps found their way into the magnificent collection of King George V.; others are in big collections all over the world.

During the last war he suffered badly in the London blitz. His home was bombed, and the place in Chancery-lane — formerly Lloyd George's old vaults — where his

most valuable stamps were stored was hit and blown up.

He would not believe his things had suffered. He said the strong room was waterproof and fireproof.

Three months later, when at last it was possible to get into the place, nearly everything was found ruined. The stamps were covered with slimy fungus. They were brought out in solid blocks.

Mr. Wallace retired from business soon afterwards, taking with him to his new home at Batwell in Somerset, what was left of his millions of stamps.

The wholesale business which sent stamps to all corners of the globe is no more, but the three sons, Herbert and Albert, who run H. and A. Wallace, in London, and William, who carries on the family business name as Wallace Bros., in Bournemouth, may revive it.

Mr. Wallace, at one time, had a stock of 1,000 million stamps. To move them would need nearly 100 motor trucks. That was over 25 years ago. To-day no one thinks in such numbers.

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The Official Arcraft Convention covers are available at dealers from coast to coast.

ICELAND
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Iceland. It is therefore obvious, that they have been sailors of genius and great courage, as we will see more about afterwards. But they reached Iceland, and settled there.

Like the people who many centuries later, left their homes in Europe to settle in America, the Icelanders loved freedom above all. At this time, in the ninth century when the Vikings came to settle in Iceland, there was a dark age of tyranny and kingship in Europe, but although many of the settlers had been pirates previously, they gave up that profession and found farming much more profitable and secure.

They established a republic in Iceland, and in 930 A.D. a central parliament called Althing.

Another remarkable fact about the Icelanders, was their love for story-telling. Their writing down these became an art. The Sagas are for the greater part family histories, and trace down hundreds of people and happenings. There are over forty in total. These ancient manuscripts were commemorated with five stamps issued October 1, 1953.

From these Sagas we have vast knowledge about the times. From what has been said above about them, we know who were the ancestors of Leif Eiriksson and Thorfinn Karlsefni, and what courage and character these men had in their blood. But back to the American statue in Reykjavik.

When the Millenary of the Icelandic Parliament was celebrated in 1930, many foreign nations honored Iceland, but undoubtedly the United States showed them one of the greatest honors. On this occasion the United States donated a statue of Leif Eiriksson by Sterling Calder, with this inscription: LEIF EIRIKSSON, SON OF ICELAND, DISCOVERER OF WINELAND.

The people of the United States thereby showed the small Icelandic nation a great sign of friendship, which was highly appreciated by all Icelanders, but especially was it a great honor, that the United States herewith officially acknowledged Leif Eiriksson, the Son of Iceland, as the discovery of the vast continent of America.

We all know about Columbus. He was another great sailor. About Leif Eiriksson we know just as much, and that he came to America about five centuries ahead of Columbus. Leif Eiriksson is said to have been born at Eirikssadir in Haukadal, the same country where the famous Geysir is to be found. His father we know just as well, for his name was Eirik the Red.

When Eirik the Red left to explore the countries west of Iceland, his son was very young, and far too young to go with him. Three long and doubtful years passed, and everyone thought Eirik the Red was lost, but he came back then, and told amazing tales about great countries he had discovered in the west. That was no great surprise, but when he began to tell about the various and unknown tribes, of Eskimos and Indians, nobody believed him.

It was then that he got the nickname "the Red" for he stated, that he had actually seen red people. He probably went as far as Hudson Bay, and along the north coast of America. Any-

way it is certain, that Eirik the Red discovered Greenland, for he left Iceland a little after this with all his family. They settled on the East Coast of Greenland, sometime after 975 A.D. Many others came after him.

Some twenty years later, Eirik's son Lief, was on a visit to Norway. There he became Christian, and decided not only to drop Thor and Odin, but to convert his family as well. 1000 A.D. he left Norway and took several priests with him. It has been a belief of seamen, that a ship carrying priests would run into trouble, and indeed Lief got into very rough weather on the journey.

But if we look at the stamps again, we will see that the inscription there is not Leif Eiriksson, but Leifur Heppni. It will of course appear a little funny as we know his name was Eiriksson. This is however not a puzzle.

He was very well known in Iceland under this name, Leifur Heppni; Heppni, which in Icelandic means luck or lucky, was his nickname. He got it after saving men in distress at sea. His ship drifted off course and he missed the southern point of Greenland for which he had been steering. However he sailed on for a long time and ultimately reached land. It was the American mainland.

As a man of the North, he was astonished to see the new country, and to find wheat and wine growing wild. He gave the new country the name Vineland hid goda, or Wineland the Good as it would be translated. He spent some time there, which probably was in the area from Boston to Newport, R.I. He even built a house and gave names to several places.

Cape Cod he called in Icelandic Kjalarnes, (Keel peninsula) as it reminds of a ship's keel, and Nraragassett Bay he named Straumfjordur (Streamfjord) from the various streams in the bay. The area north of the United States, now Canada was called Markland.

It is very likely, that Leif Eiriksson and his men would have remained longer in Wineland, if it had not been for the hostile Indians and their immediate attacks; they were indeed the great obstacle for a settlement then, and later, as we know from the History of the United States. Leif left his Good Wineland and reached Greenland safely. It is not known if he ever went back, most likely not, for otherwise it would be mentioned in the Sagas.

News of the discovery spread quickly to Iceland. The new land was described as great and good, but full of savages (Indians). But if we bear in mind what professor Huntington says about the character of the Icelanders, one need not be surprised at all to learn what follows. The stamps which Iceland issued in connection with the W.F. in New York 1939, need a little explanation first.



Statue of Thorfinn Karlsefni

The first one, the 20 aur red needs no explanation, and the blue 35 aur in fact not either. But who is this fellow on the green 45 aur and the grey 3 kr. with a sword on his side, a shield on his back and resting on a huge axe? He certainly has been well armed and looks as if he knew how to use his weapons.

This statue is Icelandic, by Einar Jonsson and is in Philadelphia. The man is perhaps not as famous as Leif Eiriksson, but he is nevertheless as important, for he is the father of the first white child born in America, his name was Thorfinn Karlsefni.

The stamps issued in 1939 were later overprinted 1940 as a souvenir of the World's Fair but were used for a brief period in Iceland as well. Later common stamps were issued, showing Karlsefni, but the inscription was omitted. There were 2kr. grey, 4kr. brown and 10kr. orange brown.

The news of Wineland was be-

lieved, and soon many voyages were prepared to go to the new land to settle there. This year there are 950 years since this took place; that the first white man made an attempt to settle with his family in America, and smaller things than that have sometimes been commemorated in the U.S.A. This man was Thorfinn Karlsefni and his family and friends.

From Iceland to the U.S.A. is more than 2000 miles, thus it was only for brave men to try to cover this distance, over the North Atlantic, against winds and currents, ice and fog, in small open craft, which were hardly navigable unless the wind was blowing from behind. Fear seemed to be little known to these men, and the Sagas mentioned five voyages in all from Iceland to Wineland, but here is little doubt that more than that have taken place.

One of these first voyages was lead by Thorfinn Karlsefni, a chief and a man of high birth. He left Iceland with his young wife and intended to settle in America. They reached there, with several others and immediately built houses for their cattle and homes. Shortly after that their son was born 1004 A.D. and is therefore the first white child born in the country which now is U.S. Territory. He was called Snorri.

However, and although the new land was good, and these settlers hardy men, they were too few of them. Severe attacks by Indians took place again and the settlers beat them, but still losing men every time. We know the difficulties the European settlers met later, when they at last came to settle in America, thousands of them with relatively powerful weapons. Still during the last century there was hard fighting and bloodshed, fighting the Redskins.

It is therefore easy to imagine how hopeless the position of the Icelandic settlers was in 1004-1006 A.D. They were perhaps less than one hundred in all. The war with the Indians never ended, and the settlers lost men until few of them were left.

Still they remained for several years. Ultimately, when many of their houses and ships had been burned and destroyed and most of the settlers had lost their lives, it became obvious how hopeless the situation was.

Thorfinn Karlsefni had however not been killed. He must have realized, that no matter how good a fighter he was, he would be overwhelmed sooner than later, killed, with his family and friends. So he returned to Iceland with his wife and young son, Snorri; thus the first American was moved to Iceland to save his life. There his parents founded a big family, and many Icelanders now living can trace their ancestry to Snorri.

But did all the settlers return to Iceland, and if not, what happened to them? Unfortunately there is nothing known about that, or very little. The discovery became known to Europe, as can be seen from the works of the eleventh century historian, Adam of Bremen. The nations in Europe however, were busy fighting each other, and ignored the discovery.

The settlers of Wineland who eventually remained, or came later, perhaps from Greenland also, wrote no Sagas, and neither did those in Greenland. Thus we are very much in the dark about what actually happened to these people in Greenland and America.

There is, apart from the Sagas, a lot of evidence about their settlements in Greenland, ruins of old farms and churches tell us enough. And there is the "old tower of Newport" which is still standing, and could well be the ruin of a round church built in the style common in Scandinavia in this period. Icelandic annals mention a ship coming from Markland in 1347 A.D., but more interesting is the fact, also mentioned in several annals, that in 1121 A.D. an Icelandic who was a bishop in Greenland, Eirikur Upsi, left Iceland in search of Wineland and the settlers.

Did he build the "old Tower of Newport"? We have no evidence of that either. But what we do know, is the fact that 950 years ago, the boy Snorri Thorfinnsson (Karlsefni) was born on the Continent of America, then called Wineland, lived and became a great man in Iceland.

Now, what about Virginia Dare? Shall we ignore her or

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NOTHING BUT BARGAINS

U. S. R288

Scarce block of 10. Centered to B with 2 s.e. Wholesale as singles \$4.50. Just one block at \$3.50.

NEPAL ERROR

*44b. error in color. Cents. 75c. Net 15c.

NEPAL BLOCK LOT

Scarce USED blocks #17 (block of 6); #23 (block of 12); #25 (block of 23). Catalogue value as singles \$29.50. One lot at \$3.75.

NICARAGUA SPECIAL

*O149 with 3 cts 1901 overprint. Without overprint catalogues \$2.50. How about 10c?

U. S. COLLECTION

Includes some Philippines & Cuba. Some 370 varieties with a catalogue value of £42. That's about \$117.60 U. S. Just one at \$10.50.

ARGENTINA OLD SECONDS

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PERSIA SPECIAL

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PERSIA ERROR

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CZECH SPECIAL

All Czech officials complete. O1-15. Cat. 75c. Net 8c.

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300 diff. pictorials cataloguing \$24.00. Just \$3.75. (mounted)

NEW ZEALAND HEALTHS

*B26-7. B28-9. 1945-6 complete. Net 9c.

JOB LOT SPECIAL

83 lots. Odds and ends of short items. World's biggest bargain in stamps. Guaranteed, of course.

OLD BRITISH COVERS

1p perf. Type A1. 75 covers. Great lot for \$7.50.

GERMANY SPECIAL

Complete mint sheet which includes Nos. 415-416, 418. Includes many tete beche and se tenant pairs. This is a must and the price is unbelievable at \$1.25.

TIN CAN MAIL

Have a few scarce covers. Several diff. vars. 75c each. Cacheted.

AIR MAIL LOTS

\$10.00 catalogue, all different. Each stamp cats 4c or more. Just 90c.

TEST BECHE PAIRS

Nepal 15a, 16b. Scarce. Cat. \$10.00. Net \$1.33.

U. S. LOT

#17, 69 (2), 70, 70a, 99. A fine lot at a price far below wholesale. Just \$19.50.

GREAT BRITAIN #3

Complete reconstructed sheet. A real showpiece. \$22.50.

U. S. POSTAGE CURRENCY

1862-1863. Imperf 5c & 10c unused. ABN imprint on back. A rare offer at \$8.95.

CANADA SPECIALISTS

1903-1912. Ed. VII 2c showing re-entry top of frame. 5c worn plate. 2c break in frame. 1c hair lines vars. Illus. by Boggs. Net just \$3.50.

U. S. MINT LOT

Columbians alone wholesale at \$7.20. Face on balance, including F.A. Flags, Army, Navy is \$4.24. One lot at \$12.00.

GERMAN MIN. SHEET

B103. Beautiful cancel on super sheet. Imperf. Just 25¢.

BRAZIL

*746. Big Rio Harbor. Face 10c. Net 10c.

EGYPT

*B3-6. Comm. 80th ann. 1st Egyptian stamp. Face 30c. Net 30c.

INDIA

168-179 complete. 13 diff. Cents 45c. Net 9c.

VERY OLD COVERS

Great Britain. 150 covers between 1829 (before stamps) to 1879. One lot at \$10.00.

MIXTURE REMAINDER

On paper. Close out at about one-third WHOLESALE. Over 13 pounds with a retail value of over \$80. First check for \$19.50 gets it. Over 15 countries, including Africa and South America.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAY

Used strip of 3 on cover. Two #12's with a 12a in between. Have never heard of another of these covers. As singles, off cover catalogue is \$100. \$28.50.

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All IMPERF. R5a, R24a-25a, R27a, R45a, R60a. 1862 to 1871 issues. Just \$1.95.

GERMAN BOOKLETS

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KELANTAN 1911

\$2 mint. Face 65c. Only 45c.

STAMPLESS COVERS

British. Well over 100 years old. Most contain letters. My price far below others. \$ for \$1. (Most popular offer).

BRAZIL GOVERNMENT CARDS

Older stamps and revs. on all of them. They buy these by the 100s.

Fill out your order at 2c each.

U. S. MIX CLEARANCE

One-quarter pound off paper 1894-1898 2c. All shades and types. Will catalogue \$300 to \$500. Net just \$13.50.

U. S. BUNDLED

1912-1921. Bundle each of 1c & 2c put up years ago in India. Real chance for a find and they have been made. Only \$1.00.

EGYPT POSTAL CONGRESS

*184-186. High values 1934 set. Cat. \$1.35. Net 18c.

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1870's California check bearing scarce RN C21. Cat. 50c. Net 15c.

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Supplement For Air Letter Catalogue

The American Air Mail Society has just released a 1954 supplement to the 1953 Edition of its American Air Mail Catalogue of Air Letter Sheets. The supplement runs to 44 pages and sells for \$1.00, postpaid. This is the fifth in a series about these popular and interesting items which started with the publication of an initial listing in Volume I of the American Air Mail Catalogue published in 1947.

The last complete Catalogue was published in 1953 and when this Supplement is used in connection with it, the collection will have a complete record of every such item issued by any country in the world prior to May 31, 1954. Both the basic Catalogue and the Supplement may be purchased in combination at a special reduced price of \$3.00 for the two.

The Supplement includes 104 new listings and 34 additional half tone cuts.

It was published under the direction of an editorial board of which L. B. Gatchell, editor of The Airport Journal is chairman. Other editors include Harold G. Fisher, Walter B. Guthrie, Sam Hantman, F. W. Kessler, George D. Kingdom, B. M. Kostenko, R. J. Lyon, Major Ian C. Morgan, P. H. Robbs, Richard L. Sibley, and Jules L. Wacht.

Send orders and payments to: American Air Mail Society, Albion, Pa.

Reading Cachet, Seal Feature Quaintness

The Reading Stamp Club, in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country will feature expressions and unique sayings of the Dutch around their special envelopes for the coming show which will be held September 24 to 26 at the Central YMCA, Reading, Pa.

There will be various drawings and scenes typical of the Dutch country plus famous sayings. Scenes showing buggies, hex signs, and Amish people will also be on the envelope which will be available at 50c for the set of three.

Also planned is a special "filler" 6 1/2" x 16" with drawings of Dutch life and the history and description of the area, plus the names of the famous people of Dutch ancestry, like Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, John Wanamaker and others, and finally famous Dutch dishes and sayings. This will be available at 10c each.

The special seal, different from the cachet, will show an Amish buggy, like those used today by the most extreme of the "Plain People" of Pennsylvania. Those interested should enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope or enclose postage.

The seals, cachet and special filler, in complete coverage, will be available at 85c from Mrs. Evelyn R. Smith, 207 N Sixth St., Reading, Pa.

New Topical Time Has Varied Subjects

The variety of material in each issue of "Topical Time," the official journal of the American Topical Association, continues to increase with each issue. Long ago it seemed as if this enthusiastic group of topicalists would run out of things to write about.

The current edition offers a truly varied bill of fare. Starting with a feature article and checklist on the "Electrical Industry on Stamps", it runs through 48 pages covering Americana, architecture, medical meetings, Nobel Prize winners, religion, royalty, sports, butterflies, insects, flowers, horses, reptiles and even goldfish on stamps. In most cases excellent checklists are provided for the topic, a great benefit to the beginner, and a worthwhile guide to the expert.

A recent issue of Topical Time will be sent for a stamped, self-addressed envelope to E. L. Cleveland, Apt. 3, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 13, Wis.

AUCTIONS

Aug. 3—Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. United States & Foreign, incl. sheets, plates, Wholesale.

Aug. 11, 12—Robens Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. United States & Foreign, Wholesale.

Aug. 13—Michael M. Karen, 1225 Norris Ave., New York 56, N. Y. United States, mint and used, Literature.

Aug. 14—Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1416 S. Penn Square, Philadelphia 2, Pa. U. S. mint and used, General Foreign.

Aug. 28—Robens Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. United States, General Foreign, Wholesale, Packets.

Plan Topical Chapter For Cleveland Area

Efforts are now under way to form a branch chapter of the American Topical Association in the Cleveland, Ohio area. This group would be for all stamp collectors in the greater Cleveland area who are interested in topical or thematic collecting, and for those who might want to start such collecting, including adult or junior beginners.

For information on this proposed new chapter, collectors can write to Peter Jocius, Box 2106, Station H, Cleveland 8, Ohio. The date and place of the "Chapter-Formation Meeting" will be announced shortly.

Donation Strengthens Smithsonian's China

An important collection of Chinese stamps and a marginal imprint block of twelve of the 2c Special Printing of 1883 (Scott's 211B) have been donated to the Smithsonian Institution, for incorporation in the National Postage Stamp Collection, by Philip H. Ward, Jr. of Philadelphia.

Mr. Ward has made several important donations to the National Postage Stamp Collection in the past 17 months, notably a line strip of ten of the 2c imperforate coil (Scott's No. 459); a Harding part perforate block (Scott's 610a), and various double prints, part perfs and Carriers.

The United States portion of the national collection is being com-

pletely regrouped and remounted while the West Hall of the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building is undergoing renovations.

New Format For Costa Rica Bulletin

The "Costa Rican Philatelist" has begun its third year of publication in new dress. In contrast to the first two numbers which were largely mimeographed, the first two numbers of volume III are mainly in photo-offset with many illustrations. The present issues feature a continued article on the railway postal markings of Costa Rica plus other items of specialized interest.

The Costa Rican, nicknamed the "Ox-Cart" by its readers due to the incorporation in its masthead of the typically gaily-painted national vehicle of Costa Rica, is the publication of Los Aficionados Costarricense, a group of collectors specializing in the country.

Inquiries can be made to the secretary, Dr. W. P. S. Hall, 4618 Commonwealth, Toledo 12, Ohio.

Father Bartolome de las Casas aiding a boy is shown on a Colombian postal tax stamp.

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